

RIDERS FELL
IN SCRAMBLETwo Rendered Unconscious
in Six-day Bike Race

WALTHOUR WAS ALSO HURT

Sixteen Teams Started at Madison Square Garden To-day and at 8 o'clock Ten of Them Were Tied on Distance.

New York, Dec. 9.—The first bad accident of the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden occurred at 6:40 this morning, when the Englishman, James Benyon, lost a tire while half-way up the bank on the Madison avenue side of the ring. In sliding to the bottom he carried lobby Walthour with him. Walthour's partner, Matt Downey, quickly relieved him, while John Reynolds went on for Benyon. Ten minutes later, Benyon tried to relieve Reynolds. He miscalculated his distance, with a result that they came together with a terrific crash and were carried from the track unconscious. The track doctor decided that both were too badly injured to continue, and the team was withdrawn. Walthour, after his shoulder had been bandaged, reappeared and resumed riding.

Walthour was put out of the race later. It was found that the early morning fall had disabled his shoulder, which has not been seen since the fall on the German apian track last summer. Matt Downey of Boston, his team-mate, is continuing the contest, while his managers are trying to get one of the others to drop out and permit his partner to team with Downey.

The first mishap occurred in the seventh lap on the second night, when Harry Reynolds and Nat Butler fell in a heap in the northwest turn, known as "dead man's curve," but five bells gave the signal that the accident was unavoidable and neither team suffered a penalty. Benyon also went down in the third mile, but resumed a few seconds later without penalty.

The score at eight o'clock showed ten teams tied at 154 miles and six laps. Jacquelin and Vanoni, Wilcox and Williams, Galvin and Wiley, and Lawson and McDonald were one lap behind, and Sherwood and Limber were two laps behind.

The start was made on the stroke of one o'clock this morning and the representatives of 16 teams were off on the long grind. The starters were Moran, Butler, Rutt, Downey, McDonald, Menus, Bedell, Darragon, Benyon, Georget, Hardest, Sherwood, Samelson, Vanoni, Wilcox, Galvin and Vanderstuyft.

The teams entered were:

French team—Leon Georget, France; Victor Dupre, France.

Irish-English team—John Reynolds, Ireland; James Benyon, England.

Inter-city team—Joseph Folger, Brooklyn; James Moran, Boston.

Atlantic-Pacific team—Charles A. Sherwood, New York; Carl A. Limber, San Jose, California.

French team—Louis Darragon and Petit Breton, France.

German-American team—Walter Rutt, Germany; Johann Stoll, Holland.

Chicago-New York team—Iver Lawson, Chicago; Urban McDonald, New York.

French-Italian team—Edmond Jacquelin, France; Carl Vanoni, Italy.

Yankee-Dixie team—Bobby Walthour, Atlanta, Ga.; Matt E. Downey, Boston.

Long Island team—John Bedell and Menus, Lynbrook, L. I.

Irish-American team—John Logan, Ireland; Walter A. Baragett, Buffalo.

The Germans—S. H. Wilcox and Saxton Williams, Salt Lake City.

German-American-Belgium team—Floyd Krebs, Newark, N. J.; Arthur Vanderstuyft, Belgium.

Western team—Hardy Downing, San Jose, Cal.; Nat Butler, Cambridge, Mass.

The farmer and messenger boys—Frank Calvin, New Milford, Conn.; Geo. Weley, Syracuse, N. Y.

BURNS AND PALMER
SIGN TO FIGHT

Articles Drawn up Today For 20-Round Mill For the World's Heavyweight Championship of the Fists.

London, Dec. 9.—Tommy Burns and Jack Palmer of Newcastle signed articles today for a 20-round fight for the world's heavyweight championship. The fight will be under Marquis of Queensbury rules before the English club offering the largest purse and will be between the first and last week of January and the end of the first week in February. They are to put up \$2,500 a side. The minimum purse is fixed at \$7,500, the winner to take 75 per cent. T. J. general impression in sporting circles is that Burns can whip Palmer easily.

WHAT THEY WANT.

Manufacturers and Cutters in Quincy, Mass., Industry.

Quincy, Mass., Dec. 9.—President Russell of the Granite Cutters' Union says that the only things asked by the union are better working conditions and in regard to the employment of non-union men. They have also asked for a slight increase in the price paid for piece work, but no change in the price paid for other work.

The Granite Manufacturers association has made a request for a 5 per cent. reduction in the prices paid for piece work, and also that the 37½ cents per hour be an average wage instead of a minimum wage, as it is now considered to be by the cutters. It has also asked for some minor changes in the agreement.

Both organizations have appointed committees to consider the demands of the other.

NEW KING OF SWEDEN
TO SUCCEED OSCAR II

Death of the Aged Monarch Occurred Yesterday Morning and His Son, Oscar Gustave, Was Proclaimed King.

Stockholm, Dec. 9.—Oscar II, king of Sweden, died at 9:10 o'clock Sunday morning in the royal apartment of the palace, surrounded by the members of his family, including the aged Queen Sophia, Crown Prince Oscar Gustave, and high ministers of state. Outside the palace great crowds stood with bowed heads and tearful eyes, long after the announcement came of the death of their well-loved sovereign.

The whole country is bowed with grief for Oscar was something more than a ruler of his people and had endeared himself to them as an intimate and personal friend. When the flag on the palace was dropped to half-mast, there was a moan of anguish from the assembled multitude and many of them cried, "Our dear old king is dead."

The death certificate was worded as follows:

"We declare upon oath that his majesty King Oscar II expired peacefully at 9:10 o'clock this morning in the castle at Stockholm, at the age of 78 years, nine months, 17 days, as the result of calcification of the cerebral and cardiac blood vessels."

The last hours of the expiring monarch were passed in unconsciousness and up to the end he gave no sign of recognizing those about him. The queen was grief-stricken because he could not bid her farewell.

By succession the throne of Sweden passed to Oscar Adolf, duke of Vermeland, eldest son of the death monarch, who will reign as King Gustave V. He took the oath of office before the cabinet and court assembled in the grand gallery yesterday afternoon. Then the prince of the blood swore allegiance to the king, who embraced and kissed him, giving his favorite brother, the giant Carl, a hearty slap on the back.

CONSCIENCE MADE
HIM SURRENDER

George Banister of Newport Who Got Away From Officers on Trip to Windsor, Gives Himself Up.

Newport, Dec. 9.—George Banister was sentenced to two years' imprisonment at Windsor last March, surrendered himself to Sheriff L. D. Miles and was taken to Windsor Saturday by that officer. The whereabouts of Banister who escaped while being taken to prison has been known by the sheriff for some time and he was not surprised to have him surrender.

Banister's reason for giving himself up was a guilty conscience and fear of being taken by an officer at any time. He also wanted to be near his relatives, which he could not do and be safe.

It is understood that no criminal offense was committed by his escaping from the officer and whatever cases against him are on the docket will not be prosecuted as a result of his surrender.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION
HINDERS RESCUE

Followed Fire Which Broke Out Again This Morning in West Virginia Mine Where Work of Rescuing Bodies Goes On.

Monongah, West Va., Dec. 9.—Fire in shaft No. 8 of the Fairmont Coal company broke out again this morning, followed by another explosion which did little damage and hurt none of the rescuers. It took three hours to get the shaft in such a condition that the workers could continue. It is probable that today more than 100 bodies now in sight will be removed to the surface for burial.

But fifty-three bodies had been recovered from mines Nos. 6 and 8 last night. Fifty-six hours had elapsed since the awful explosion, and a majority of the bodies brought to the surface were in a terrible condition, necessitating almost immediate burial.

It is now believed that the number of dead will not exceed 400. A thorough investigation by the company yesterday and it was discovered that many miners, believed to have been entombed, had escaped because they had not gone to work Friday after Tuesday's holiday. A score or more of these men reported to the office during the past twenty-four hours.

OLD MAN EXHAUSTED.

In Fighting Fire in His Mill at No. Salem, N. H., Yesterday.

Methuen, Mass., Dec. 9.—The firemen of this town were called to North Salem, N. H., yesterday afternoon to fight a fierce fire in the Wheeler mill. The distance the apparatus had to travel was eight miles, but in 50 minutes from the time the telephone was received the firemen had streams directed on the burning building. There is no fire protection in North Salem, but as the mill was near a pond plenty of water could be obtained by using the engine which responded with the hose wagon.

The mill was of brick, erected in 1881, four stories high, about 100 feet long and 50 feet wide. John Wheeler is the owner. His loss is placed at between \$75,000 and \$100,000; partly insured. The mill was filled with machinery, some of which was of the very expensive kind.

Mr. Wheeler became exhausted during the fire and had to be removed to his home. He is about 70 years old.

AN ESTIMABLE WOMAN.

Mrs. Katherine Orcutt, Who Died Yesterday in Roxbury.

Roxbury, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Katherine Orcutt died yesterday afternoon after a short illness. She was 85 years old, born the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ainsworth. She spent 60 years of her life in this place. She was an estimable lady and devoted to her home and the Congregational church. She leaves a son, Clayton W. Orcutt.

HORRIBLE ACT
OF MANIACTwo Young Children Drowned
in Bath Tub

AFTER BEING STUPIFIED

Mrs. Emma Huntley Went to the Police Station To-day and Said She Wanted to Give Herself Up for Act.

Boston, Dec. 9.—First stupefying them with gas, Mrs. Emma A. Huntley killed her two small grandchildren to-day by drowning them in the tub at her home in Somerville. The little ones were Raymond, aged 6, and Caroline, aged 4, the orphan children of Frank Shomo. Their mother, Mrs. Huntley's daughter, committed suicide in New York three years ago.

After committing the fearful deed, the grandmother went to the Somerville police station and told the captain that she had come to give herself up. Being asked why, she told the officers to go to the house and see for themselves. On entering they found the house full of gas and later came upon the little bodies in the tub. From the woman's actions, little doubt remains that she is insane. It is believed that the woman turned on the gas in the children's room and when they were unconscious carried them to the bath tub. She pleaded not guilty to the charge of murder and her case was continued, pending an investigation of her sanity.

Brookline, Mass., Dec. 9.—One thousand persons engaged in the search yesterday for the bodies of the two children of Mrs. Mary R. C. Ball, a demented woman, who disappeared with the children from her home at 24 Holbrook avenue last Monday morning.

Mrs. Ball was seen Tuesday, wandering in the vicinity of the reservoir in Avon, a neighboring town, but the children were not with her, and on account of her mental condition, no clue to their whereabouts could be obtained. The search yesterday extended over a large section of wooded land between Oak street in this city and the Avon reservoir, but it yielded no trace of the missing children. The authorities are considering the idea of drawing off the water from the reservoir in order to continue the search there.

KILLED HIS WIFE
AFTER A STRUGGLE

Clarence V. Johnson, a Sioux Indian, Said That He Merely Intended to Frighten Her—Tragedy at Providence.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 9.—In an attempt, as he claims, to frighten her, Clarence V. Johnson, 22 years of age, a Sioux Indian, shot and killed his wife, Evelyn, aged 24, who is Spanish, at 101 Broadway yesterday, where she was employed as a domestic by Mrs. Susan Fuller. Johnson upon realizing the result of his act, went to the police station and gave himself up. He is employed as a chauffeur and is spoken of by all who know him as a young man of excellent character.

The couple had not lived together for some time, and Sunday Johnson went to the Broadway house, where he found his wife in the basement kitchen and upbraided her for having been seen on the street with another man.

According to the story Johnson tells, his wife became angry and declaring that he should have given business notice and leave the house at once, she seized a coffee pot and attempted to assault him. He wrenched it from her hands, when she took a frying pan and struck him with it. This he also took away from her.

In their struggles, the woman was pushed into the bed-room, where she caught up a rattan cane, with which she attempted to strike his face. Then, Johnson claims, he drew his revolver from his pocket, with the intention of shooting her in the fleshy part of the arm in order to frighten her, but the bullet, after striking the arm, glanced from the bone and penetrated her left lung.

Mrs. Johnson, releasing her hold upon her husband, ran up the short flight of stairs to the first floor, but as she reached the head of the stairs she turned and fell headlong to the floor. A physician was hurriedly summoned, but life was extinct before they reached the house.

Johnson made no attempt to escape or to deny the shooting, but went at once to the police station, told his story, and was locked up. They have no children.

HUGHES NOT GOING.

Will Not Be in Chicago During Convention Week.

Albany, Dec. 9.—Gov. Hughes has no intention of going to Chicago next June, nor has he any intention of opening headquarters there, or anywhere else. This statement was made last night by Robert H. Fuller, secretary to Gov. Hughes, referring to a dispatch to the effect that a message signed by Gov. Hughes' private secretary was received at a hotel here, Saturday, asking for the reservation of rooms for the Governor in connection with the Republican national convention at Chicago next June.

"No such message was sent or authorized by me or by anyone with authority to represent Gov. Hughes," added Mr. Fuller, emphatically. "There must be some mistake, or attempt at a joke on the part of some one with a peculiar sense of humor. You can make the denial as strong as you please."

CALL IT A SUICIDE.
Railroad Commissioners on Death of Mrs. Mary Bourman August 19.

The death of Mrs. Mary Bourman on the Rutland railroad track at Manchester on August 19, when she was struck by an engine, is ascribed by the state railroad commissioners to a deliberate purpose to commit suicide, according to the board's report made public today. The report tells of unhappy domestic relations and ends with evidence which would go to prove that she intended to end her life. The report reads:

"Mrs. Mary Bourman lived with her husband and daughter in Manchester, near the electric light station and about a mile south of the village in the town of Manchester, called Manchester Depot. About three-fourths of a mile south of the Manchester railroad depot is a railroad highway crossing at grade known as the 'Manchester Street Crossing.' The Manchester Depot and this crossing is used as a common thoroughfare for pedestrians. About 7:30 o'clock in the evening of August 19, 1907, at a point about 50 rods north of said grade crossing, an engine drawing the regular southbound passenger train of the Rutland railroad company, known as 'No. 35,' struck Mrs. Bourman and threw her a distance of about thirty feet, inflicting injuries of which she died in a few minutes."

"Mrs. Bourman and her husband had for sometime been living very unhappily and on the Saturday before the accident they had agreed on a separation. At the time she was killed, she was returning home from the village of Manchester Depot, where she had been to engage rooms for herself and daughter. 'No one, excepting the engineer of the locomotive saw the accident. He appears to be a very intelligent and truthful man, and he testified that he first saw Mrs. Bourman when she was about thirty feet in the middle of the road between the rails, with her back towards the locomotive; that he immediately sounded the danger signal of the whistle and so continued until the locomotive struck her; that from the time she first fell still facing the south, with her head bowed; that as soon as he saw her, he shut off steam, made emergency application of its air brakes, and stopped the train in going a little more than its length. We are inclined to give much credit to this engineer, and find the facts to be as he testified."

"A few minutes before the accident, and about fifteen rods north of where Mrs. Bourman was struck by the locomotive she met one Mr. Gale whom she conversed a short time with and while she was talking, the train started from Manchester Depot. She heard the train start, and returned to Mr. Gale, that it had started and she could not detain him any longer."

"The foregoing are all the facts that we are able to find. From these facts we are satisfied that Mrs. Bourman committed suicide. We see no reason to blame the railroad company or any of its employees."

"We improve this occasion, however, to call attention to the peril of allowing people to make a common highway of the railroad road-beds in this state. We sincerely hope that some legislation may be had to remedy this evil."

NOT TO HELP BUILD IT.
Italian Catholic Church in Rutland Got a Set-Back Yesterday.

Rutland, Dec. 9.—The building of the new Italian church in this city, for which the foundation is already completed, received a serious set-back yesterday when the Rev. Robert Proulx, the Rev. William H. Longenecker and the Rev. John N. Brown, rectors of the Catholic churches, from their respective pulpits cautioned their congregations against subscribing to the church fund or patronizing the fair to be given by the Italians to raise money for the building. The parishioners would have to support the church if they helped build it.

The statutes of the diocese of Burlington forbid any of the clergy from getting up any fair for pious objects without written permission from the bishop. The three clergymen have reason to believe that this permission has been obtained, and returned by Rev. Frank Crociata, the Italian pastor.

The three priests told their congregations that the bishop does not approve of such an expensive structure which the Italians themselves cannot support without outside help. Therefore, it was understood that the member of the three congregations is to solicit money from the public or articles from the merchants for the Italian bazaar.

The Italians formerly attended the Irish Catholic church but they never contributed to any extent towards its support.

RANDOLPH RELIEF CORPS.

Mrs. Alfred Eaton Elected President Saturday Night.

Randolph, Dec. 9.—The annual meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps was held in the G. A. R. hall on Saturday evening, when the following officers were elected: Mrs. Alfred Eaton, president; Mrs. S. S. Whitcomb, senior vice; Mrs. Byron Goodwin, junior vice; Mrs. Lucinda Cleveland, treasurer; Mrs. Eugene Holmes, secretary; Mrs. May Holbrook, chaplain; Mrs. Nellie Ford, conductor; Mrs. Will Slack, assistant conductor; Mrs. J. L. Laport, guard; Mrs. Helen Dupins, assistant guard; Miss Nellie Ford was appointed as first delegate to attend state meeting to be held in Montpelier in February and Mrs. Ella Chamberlain second, with Mrs. Governor of East Brainerd and Mrs. Frank Boyman as alternates. The installation ceremonies will occur on the first Saturday in January and the appointed officers will be selected previous to this meeting.

BIG RECEIPTS.

St. Augustine's Church in Montpelier Cleared \$1,865 From Fair.

St. Augustine's church in Montpelier was announced yesterday that the net receipts from the recent eight night fair held by the church were \$1,865. The expenses this year were very light as the fair was held in the hall belonging to the society.

NONE WAS LOST.

Although There Were 132 Inmates of Syracuse Asylum Which Burned.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The House of Providence, an orphan asylum for boys located just west of the city line, was burned to the ground yesterday, involving a property loss of \$125,000, on which there is insurance amounting to about \$28,000. The 132 inmates ranging from four to fourteen years of age, escaped without injury, although all their personal effects were destroyed.

BISHOP HALL
IN BARREHead of Episcopal Church
Preached Twice

ALSO CONFIRMED SEVEN

In the Morning He Spoke on Christian Socialism, Which, He Declared, Means to Life All to the Same Level.

The Rt. Rev. Arthur C. A. Hall of Burlington, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Vermont, made his annual visitation to the Church of the Good Shepherd yesterday and preached at both the morning and evening services. At the morning service a class of seven was confirmed by the bishop and holy communion was administered at the close of the service. The bishop's sermon was on the holy communion, his theme being "The breaking of bread," and his text was Acts 2:17, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow."

He said that the subject of his sermon, the breaking of the bread, was the commonest term by which the holy communion was known in the new testament, and he explained that the breaking of the bread symbolized the breaking of the Lord's body in death; Christians, he said, should not be afraid of the mere loss of life, but in the fact that by His death man had conquered, and because man has conquered, men and women are expected to conquer to-day. By our confirmation we have pledged ourselves to follow in his footsteps.

Again, he said, the breaking of the bread at the last supper represented the social side of religion. In all ages the invitation to gather at the table of another has been considered a token of fellowship, so the breaking of the bread and drinking of the wine symbolizes the social character of the Christian church, and the responsibility of all for each other.

Socialism, as it is generally understood, he said, means dragging anyone who is high up in authority or in wealth down to an equal level with the rest; but the socialism of the church is not the dragging down of those who are above us, but rather the raising up of those who are down. He declared that life would be despairingly dull and monotonous if everyone was obliged to conform to an equal standard, as Socialism is generally supposed to mean.

It is not intended that all men should be alike, he said, and it is even beyond the power of President Roosevelt to make men's brains of the same amount of intelligence. Men are bound to be unequal in mental intelligence, and what would be the result, he asked, if on a Saturday night every person was given an equal amount of money; would they have an equal amount on the following Saturday night? There would have to be another distribution, he said. Christian socialism is not uniformity, but harmony. All are members of one another and what we gain we gain in trust to share with others. We are responsible to God who gave it, and to our brothers and sisters about us for whom it was intended. We are pledged to fellowship one with another.

WOMEN IN COURT.

One to Be Charged With Selling Another Fined For Drunk.

Burlington, Dec. 9.—The police department searched Amelia Morris' house on North Champlain street Saturday evening, it being suspected that Mrs. Morris was selling whiskey. A bottle with some whiskey in it was found and taken away. Zeb Blair was at the house, as he said, to see his girl. A bottle also containing whiskey was found in one of Zeb's pockets and Zeb and all were brought to the jail.

Anna Kilrain, spinster, was in city court Saturday morning to answer to a second offense of intoxication. She pleaded guilty and was fined \$15 and costs of \$7.45, with an alternative sentence of 72 days in jail. She paid the fine Saturday evening and was given employment as a cook in a boarding house on North Winslow avenue and after acquiring her job Friday began to put her crockery and other cooking utensils to base uses by hurling them through the air. Not the least of the complications was the delay in court and the consequent inconvenience of the hungry boarders.

Antoine Pine pleaded guilty to keeping his pool room on Pearl street open after 11 o'clock p. m., the hour prescribed by a city ordinance for closing. He was fined \$2 and costs of \$5.95, which he paid.

MINISTERS IN SESSION.

Were Guests To-day of Principal Bishop at Montpelier Seminary.

The Ministers' Monday club was entertained by Principal E. A. Bishop of Montpelier seminary to-day. This forenoon the Rev. D. H. Strong of Williamstown read a paper on "American Protestantism," which was followed by a discussion. Then the ministers partook of lunch at the seminary. The afternoon meeting was resumed, a paper on "The Lions of London" being read by the Rev. E. O. Thayer of Barre.

IS BETTER TO-DAY.

Fred Bancroft, Who Was Taken Ill at North Adams, Mass.

The latest report to-day from Fred Bancroft, agent of C. R. Scott & Co., who was taken ill while on a trip for the company and is now at a hospital in North Adams, Mass., is that the patient is resting comfortably. Pneumonia was feared. Bancroft was taken ill at North Adams, N. Y., and was so much worse at North Adams that he was carried to the hospital. His mother, Mrs. Charles DeForest Bancroft of Montpelier, and Charles, Jr., accompanied by Dr. J. E. Dewey, have gone to North Adams, to assist in caring for the young man. Mrs. Fred Bancroft was unable to go because of illness.

NEGRO RESENTS REPROOF.

And Murders Marshal Brinson at Midville, Ga.

Midville, Ga., Dec. 9.—Marshal Brinson was killed yesterday by a negro. The negro did something for which the officer reproved him and summoned him to appear in court to-day. The negro drew a revolver and shot Brinson three times, and he died in a few minutes. The negro fled to the swamp and escaped. A special train with a sheriff's posse and bloodhounds left Midville, Ga., for the scene.

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LARGE GATHERING
OF HIBERNIANS

At County Meeting Which Was Held in Montpelier Yesterday Afternoon National Organizer Sheehan Present.

There was a large gathering of members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in St. Augustine's hall in Montpelier yesterday afternoon when the national organizer, George H. Sheehan, of Cambridge, Mass., delivered an address on the order, referring to its being founded 200 years ago, its purpose, its present work and its prospects. Other speakers were James E. Burke of West Rutland, state president; Daniel McGovern of Montpelier, Washington county president; and Father J. J. Cullion, assistant pastor of St. Augustine's church in Montpelier.

Delegates were present, besides from Montpelier, from Barre, Granville, Northfield, Richmond and Burlington, and the meeting was most enthusiastic. Organizer Sheehan and President Burke will go to St. Albans to organize a division tomorrow evening.

HIS EIGHTH PATENT IN
ONLY TWO YEARS

Phillip A. Neddo Gets Exclusive Rights on a Combination Scoop and Scale of Handy Design.

Phillip A. Neddo received his eighth patent in two years, Saturday. The patent is granted on a combined scoop and scale. This device is so arranged with a spring scale or steel yard in the handle that the contents of the scoop are weighed in it.

Mr. Neddo's other inventions include a patent can lifter, which is already having a good sale; a barrel jack, a stone jack, a box lifter, a car coupling, a steel step-ladder and an automatic lever. The latter is an article used in the stone business for handling heavy stones and they are already meeting with a ready sale.

Mr. Neddo is working upon two other inventions, one of which is an air compressor which, if the inventor's idea can be carried into operation promises to revolutionize air compressors.

RESIEGED BY FRIENDS.

Mr. and Mrs. William Duncan Capitulated Saturday Evening.

The domestic quiet of Mr. and Mrs. William Duncan's home on Hale street was pleasantly broken on Saturday evening by the unexpected advent of a large number of friends and acquaintances. Although taken completely by surprise, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan extended a hearty and cordial welcome to the invading host. During the course of the evening Peter Brown, on behalf of the company, presented them a handsome divan, and in doing so referred to Mr. Duncan's sterling qualities as a man, his quiet, unobtrusive helpfulness to those whom he could aid in any way, and his readiness to forward at all times the social life of the circle in which he moved. In all these he was ably supported by Mrs. Duncan, and Mr. Brown voiced the sentiments of the entire company in wishing them many happy years in which to enjoy the gift that it was his honor to present that evening. Mr. Duncan fittingly replied.

The evening was then taken up with singing and dancing, the music being supplied by Messrs. Duncan, violinist and egg pianist. Some of the songs worthy of mention were "Sweet Genevieve," by Mrs. Forbes; "Silver threads among the gold," Mrs. Barclay; "Auld Robin Gray," Mrs. Rennie; "I canna leave the auld folks yet," Miss Anderson. The male talent was ably represented by Messrs. Allen, C. W. Fowler, Anderson, Ewen, Ironside and others. A typically Scotch repast was served, followed later by coffee, cakes, fruit and confectionery, under the direction of the committee, to whom credit must be given for the success which attended the entire event.

NOT INVITED BUT WELCOME.

Andrew Gordon and Wife Surprised Saturday Night.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gordon of 30 Maple avenue, was the scene of a very pleasant gathering on Saturday evening, when about 40 of their friends entered the house, uninvited, to remind them they had been 22 years married. Their entrance was made in such an unceremonious manner that it caused Andrew to "lose his fusion." During the evening, Tom Keason, on behalf of the friends assembled, presented Mr. and Mrs. Gordon a solid mahogany leather covered rocker. Mr. Gordon briefly responded thanking them all on behalf of himself and wife. Singing and dancing were engaged in until the "wee sma' hours," when the party broke up after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

LIKE INNOVATION OF
SUNDAY OPENING

Considerable Number of Montpelier People at Public Library Reading Rooms Yesterday.

The experiment of opening the public library at Sunday was tried in Montpelier yesterday and the innovation promises to be a successful experiment. The reading room in charge of George W. English was used by 25 or 30 people who seemed to enjoy the novelty. In this connection, it may be noted that the trustees of the St. Albans public library at a meeting Saturday afternoon decided to keep their reading rooms open Sunday. The sentiment was unanimous for it. A committee was appointed to confer with the city council about heating and other arrangements.

A GREAT SPIRE
BROUGHT BY RAIL

Weighing 60 Tons, It Was Brought Down To-day from Quarry of E. L. Smith & Co.—To